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Responsive to the December 13, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the aboveidentified application is requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 9-18 are pending in the application, with claims 9 and 13 being independent.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claim 9 covers a hydro damper for attenuation of pressure and/or acoustic oscillations in fluid pressure systems. The hydro damper comprises a damper housing 1, a connecting block 5 and a connecting piece 7. The damper housing 1 has a longitudinal dimension defining a longitudinal axis 3 of the damper housing. The connecting block 5 provides a fluid connection of the damper housing to a fluid pressure system. The pump connecting piece 7 is coupled to the connecting block and mounts the damper housing on a hydraulic pump outlet of the system in